GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONDITION OF BRIDGES ON NH NO.17
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has assessed the condition of bridges on NH No.17 particularly bridges across Moorad River, Moidu Bridge at Muzhappilangad in Kannur district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposals to construct bridges parallel to the existing ones;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government has also received proposals for construction of by-pass on NH No.17 particularly between Kannur and Kozhikode; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): The condition of the bridges on various National Highways (NH) including NH 17 is assessed from time to time and appropriate actions for their repairs/reconstruction are taken up as per site requirements. As regards Moidu bridge at Muzhapilangad, the proposal for its repair has been received from the Public Works Department, Kerala and the same is under process. Moorad bridge though narrow in width, is in good condition.

(c) & (d): The entire NH 17 in Kerala is identified for four laning including bridges under NHDP Phase III. The need for construction of bridges parallel to the existing ones can be assessed only after the finalization of Detailed Project Report.

(e) to (f): There are three bypasses identified on NH 17 in Kerala namely Calicut, Thalassery-Mahe and Koilandy deviation having length of 28.12 km, 18.03 km and 11.21 km respectively. Out of these, Calicut bypass is completed in a length of 16.25 km and construction is in progress in 2.78 km. The remaining length of Calicut bypass and other two bypasses are proposed along with four laning of NH 17 under NHDP Phase III.